

REMARKS

A. Support for Compound Claims

See original Claim 22 directed to a compound where R¹ can be a silyl or a benzyl protecting group, where X and Y can be independently hydrogen or hydroxy or X and Y together can be oxygen, and where Z is hydrogen or halogen. See also Example 2 for the preparation of 3, 5, 7, 3', 4'-penta-O-benzyl-4-hydroxy-epicatechin, Example 3 for the preparation of ((2R, 3S)-3, 5, 7, 3', 4'-pentakis(benzyloxy)-flavan-4-one; Example 8 for the preparation of 5, 7, 3', 4'-tetra-O-benzyl-3-O-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-4-hydroxyepicatechin; Example 9 for the preparation of ((2R, 3S)-5, 7, 3', 4'-tetra-O-benzyl-3-O-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy-flavan-4-one; and Example 10 for the preparation (5, 7, 3', 4'-tetra-O-benzyl-8-bromo-3-O-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)epiccatechin).

B. Closing

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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